WHEREAS, Many thousands of Veterans of America's Armed Forces have served this nation in times of both peace and war, and in doing so have thereby assured the safety and prosperity of all her people as this nation enters its third century of independence; and,

WHEREAS, More than a million veterans enter veterans administration medical facilities nationwide for medical attention annually; and,

WHEREAS, The Veterans Administration, for the eighth consecutive year, has organized a national day of tribute honoring all hospitalized veterans, with the purpose of urging all Americans to remember these men and women especially on this day and throughout the year; and,

WHEREAS, We wish to expr.ss to the patients in South Dakota veterans medical centers our concern, care and sincere appreciation:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of February 9 through February 15, 1981, as

NATIONAL SALUTE TO HOSPITALIZED VETERANS WEEK

In South Dakota and call upon all our citizens to observe the occasion in fitting ways and to pay tribute to hospitalized voterans on this day and each day of the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of February, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-One

WILLIAM J. WIKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE